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## REPORT SHOWS JAIL CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS AND A CHANGING INMATE POPULATION

**T**he Board of Correction's (BOC) first annual 1996 profile report is out on the status of California's county jails and the results affirm that they are filled beyond capacity and housing an increasingly serious inmate population. Court-ordered population caps and early release measures have resulted in the least serious inmates being released from many jail systems. The full report has been mailed to sheriffs and jail managers; it is also available on the BOC Internet web site: <http://www.bdcorr.ca.gov> Following are major findings for calendar year 1996:

- over 1.2 million people were booked into California's county jails;
- 72,032 inmates are in custody per day (average daily population), with a single day population that reached a high of 77,163;
- 24 counties, representing 69 percent of the average daily population, are operating under court-ordered population caps, placing a ceiling on admissions and requiring the early release of inmates;

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- 325,203 inmates were granted early release due to population caps and lack of jail bed space;
- 70 percent of the jail population are either charged with or convicted of a felony;
- 52 percent of inmates are classified as requiring maximum security;
- 59 percent of inmates are non-sentenced and 41 percent are sentenced;
- almost 10 percent of inmates are undocumented aliens; and
- over 2.6 million arrest warrants (including 236,870 felony warrants) are unserved.

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## JUVENILE CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM

On May 15, 1997, the Board of Corrections awarded \$45.7 million in grants to sixteen counties to reduce incidences of juvenile crime and delinquency. Projects address a continuum of responses including prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment and incarceration as outlined in each county's local action plan.

Special focus of this three-year effort is on the establishment of a multi-agency juvenile justice coordinating council that will develop and implement unique county-based responses to juvenile crime. Critically important to the effort is an evaluation component that will measure outcome to determine what works.

The highly competitive selection process involved 51 of 58 California counties that requested over \$137 million. Successful counties receiving the awards in order of their ranking are: Humboldt; San Diego; Yolo/Yuba/Sutter (regional approach); Santa Clara; Santa Barbara; Orange; Stanislaus; San Bernardino; Ventura; San Francisco; Alameda; San Joaquin; Tehama; and Sacramento.

Legislation authorizing the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant program is part of Governor Wilson's 1996 Crime Package and was carried by Senator Bill Lockyer (Hayward) and Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith (Poway). Additionally, if Senate Bill 1108 and the 1997/98 Budget Act pass, \$50 million more will be available to fund other county projects. Future newsletter articles will provide updates.

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION ON INTERNET  
ACCESS AND CONTINUING A  
SUBSCRIPTION TO THE  
STANDARD.**

## JUVENILE FACILITIES REGULATIONS

**T**itles 15 and 24, California Code of Regulations (CCR), standards for the operation and construction of local juvenile facilities have been adopted and were recently distributed to the field. Title 15 operations standards are effective now, and Title 24 construction standards will be effective in January 1998. In addition, the BOC has developed interpretive guidelines to assist facility administrators and managers which were also recently distributed to the field. Juvenile facility regulations and guidelines are also available on the BOC web site.

The BOC's adoption of these standards caps several months of hard work by the Executive Steering Committee and its task forces. Standards are the bases of BOC biennial operation and construction inspections, and inspections by local health officers. Standards protect state and county interests by helping ensure safe and effective operations in accordance with constitutional and professional benchmarks; provide baseline consistency among California's local juvenile facilities; and provide operational and organizational principles for facility management.

## **ADULT AND JUVENILE HEALTH, SANITATION AND NUTRITION TRAINING**

**T**he BOC will conduct statewide training in July and August 1997 for local health department staff, environmental health specialists, and dietitians who have inspection responsibility for jails, juvenile halls, ranches and camps. The training will focus on adult and the newly adopted juvenile standards in the areas of health care, sanitation and nutrition, and the inspection forms and process used. Representatives from local jails and juvenile facilities will also be invited to the one-day (8 hour) training sessions to help them prepare for the inspections.

Letters notifying counties of the training will be mailed soon and the dates and city locations are indicated below. Agencies wanting STC training credit for staff should contact their STC training manager in order to request either "Special Certification" (if the training is directly related to their unique correctional job assignment) or Work Related Education, Training and Professional Development (WRE) credit (if indirectly related to their job assignment).

### **TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**July 30 - San Jose**

**August 5 - Redding**

**August 6 - Sacramento**

**August 7 - Fresno**

**August 14 - Orange County**

## **HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON MINIMUM JAIL STANDARDS**

On May 15, 1997, the BOC approved Titles 15 and 24 CCR revisions recommended by the Adult Standards Revision Executive Steering Committee for the purpose of seeking public comment. The BOC also approved a series of three public hearings to receive testimony on the proposed regulations. Copies of the proposed regulations will be mailed to local agencies and interested persons by mid-June 1997. If you have any questions, please contact your field representative at 916/445-5073.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

<b>JULY 9, 1997 - 10:00 AM</b>	Santa Ana Police Department, Community Mtg. Room 1000 W. Civic Center Drive Santa Ana, California
<b>JULY 11, 1997 - 10:00 AM</b>	Merced County Board of Supervisors Chambers 2222 M Street, 3rd Floor Merced, California
<b>JULY 30, 1997 - 10:00 AM</b>	Board of Corrections Conference Room 610 Bercut Drive Sacramento, California

#### **VICTIM NOTIFICATION**

Penal Code Section 4024.4 became effective January 1, 1997 and provides authority for counties to establish a victim notification procedure to alert victims when inmates are released from jails. The State Budget appropriated \$100,000 from the General Fund to the BOC to provide grants to implement such programs. After a competitive bid process, the BOC recently awarded victim notification grants to the sheriffs' departments of San Francisco, San Mateo and Kings counties.

The three agencies will be using different program models, but common to each are procedures to provide notice to victims, upon request, of the release of any person from jails under their jurisdiction. Each of the victim notification services will be automated and used on a 24-hour basis.

The agencies will be conducting formal evaluations of their programs and results will be submitted to the BOC by April 15, 1998. Evaluation findings will be compiled and distributed to other agencies interested in starting a victim notification program.

## JUVENILE REPEAT OFFENDER PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Juvenile Repeat Offender Prevention Program has begun after all seven counties received BOC approval of their implementation plans. The seven counties are Fresno; Humboldt; Los Angeles; Orange; San Diego; San Mateo; and Solano. The three-year demonstration and pilot project focuses on a target group of youth at-risk of continuing delinquency. Each program aims to reduce or eliminate future delinquent activity and includes a formal evaluation of results of the individual projects.

Although each program design differs based on unique county needs and resources, every program has the following major components: 1) youth and family focus; 2) multi-disciplinary team assessment; 3) formal case and service planning; and, 4) “wraparound” approach of integrated service delivery. Future editions of *The Standard* will provide more information and updates.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has developed an innovative way to impact domestic violence by targeting domestic violence arrestees with a jail-based intervention program shortly after their arrest. The new program is called the Domestic Violence Housing Unit (DVHU). On any given day, there are nearly 100 pre-trial arrestees held in the Sacramento Main Jail for domestic violence offenses. Statistics show that 60 percent of the domestic violence arrestees who pass through the Main Jail have little or no criminal history. Consequently, the DVHU targets these 60 percent since the arrest is likely a traumatic experience and one that may lead several of these men to become introspective.

The DVHU couples the inherent crisis of incarceration with an environment that is intended to raise the offender's awareness, break down his wall of denial, and encourage and support a personal decision to seek treatment prior to court-ordered counseling. This environment is created in the DVHU by replacing all regular television programming with videotaped films on topics such as domestic violence, alcoholism, parenting, relationships, and codependency. Every other day, counselors from domestic violence programs conduct batterer's workshops inside of the DVHU. Several evenings per week, 12-Step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous are offered to the men in the DVHU.

The Sheriff's Deputies who work in the DVHU are specially trained in domestic violence issues and are a continual resource for victims, offenders, and others who may be impacted by domestic violence. While this program is new, there are early indications of success. Furthermore, the entire program is economical and can be funded at no cost to taxpayers. If you would like more information, you may contact Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy Chris Martin at 916/552-8401.

## ELECTRONIC MONITORING

**T**he BOC, in conjunction with the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association (CPPCA) has released a limited printing of a document entitled, "*Guidelines for the Development and Operation of Electronic Monitoring Programs in Local Corrections.*" It is a practical, "how-to" resource manual for local agencies that are considering developing and implementing an electronic monitoring project. It contains a wealth of information including checklists; sample forms; examples of policies and procedures from agencies; and lessons learned based on experience.

Individual copies may be requested by our constituent agencies until the available printed supply is exhausted. Requests should be made on your agency letterhead to the BOC, 600 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## INTERNET ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AND *THE STANDARD* NEWSLETTER

**W**e are pleased to announce that articles and information provided quarterly in *The Standard* are now available on the Board of Correction's Internet web site: <http://www.bdcorr.ca.gov>

In addition, the web site provides up-to-date BOC reports and information; STC course calendars and catalogs; local agency directories, STC forms software for downloading; information on projects and grants; and hyper-links to other related web sites. If you have not yet checked it out, please take a look and let us know what you think. We are continuing to improve the site and adding new information all the time, including Titles 15 and 24 regulations.

In the future, *The Standard* will be mailed only to persons requesting it by completing the coupon below and returning it to the BOC. With our circulation now over 2,000, we hope that as many people as possible will instead take advantage of immediate web site access which will both save costs and provide up-to-date information.

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## PEOPLE NEWS

### **Arcadia Police Department**

Sgt. Gene Gioia is the new STC training manager.

### **Kern County Probation Department**

Debra Kirkendall is the new STC training manager, replacing Greg Smith who was promoted to Director.

### **Covina Police Department**

Sgt. Jim Mangiapane is the new STC training manager.

### **Sacramento County Sheriff's Department**

Gail Wilczynski is the new STC training manager.

### **El Dorado County Probation Department**

Dave Colon is the new STC training manager.

### **Santa Ana Police Department**

Ken Vargas is the new STC training manager.

### **El Dorado County Sheriff's Department**

Hal Barker is the newly appointed Sheriff, replacing Don McDonald who has retired.

### **Santa Cruz County Probation Department**

John Rhodes is the new Chief Probation Officer, replacing Linda Erwood who has retired.

### **Imperial County Sheriff's Department**

Michael Hackett has been promoted to Assistant Sheriff.

### **San Diego County Probation Department**

Jim McClelland is the new STC training manager.

## CALENDAR

### **Board of Corrections Meeting**

July 17 - Crescent City  
September 18 - Los Angeles  
November 20 - San Mateo

### **Central California Training Officers**

June 18 - Fresno

### **Bay Area Training Officers**

June 27 - Napa  
July 10 - TBA

### **Central California Jail Managers**

August 13 - Madera County  
November 12 - Merced

### **Northern California Jail Managers**

TBA

### **Northern California Training Officers**

August 1 - Redding

### **Sacramento Area Training Managers**

June 11 - Sacramento

### **Southern California Jail Managers**

July 24 - Santa Barbara

### **Southern California Training Association**

July 17 - Orange County

